

## UnitedHealthcare Individual Exchange/Individual and Family Plans Reimbursement Policy Update Bulletin: October 2024

New		
Policy Title	Effective Date	Summary of Changes
Hospital Inclusive Charges Policy, Facility Reminder	December 1, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UnitedHealthcare will publish a new Hospital Inclusive Charges Policy, Facility that is in accordance with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' Provider Reimbursement Manual. This policy aims to provide guidelines on which items or services are not eligible for separate reimbursement during both inpatient and outpatient hospital visits.</li> <li>Certain categories of items and services are included within the overall room and board or facility fee charge for an inpatient or outpatient visit, or otherwise bundled within services provided as part of the visit, and therefore are not considered separately reimbursable by UnitedHealthcare.</li> </ul>
Revised		
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Anatomical Modifier Requirement Policy, Professional Reminder	November 1, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Effective with dates of service on or after November 1, 2024, UnitedHealthcare will enhance the Anatomical Modifier Requirement Policy, Professional.</li> <li>This policy update requires the use of appropriate laterality or anatomical modifiers for surgical procedures that are assigned a bilateral status indicator of 1 on the CMS National Physician Fee Schedule for the claim to be considered for reimbursement.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The relevant modifiers include: 50, LC, LD, LM, RC, RI, E1-E4, FA, F1-F9, LT, RT, TA, T1-T9</li> </ul> </li> <li>Modifiers are essential in medical coding to provide clarity. Anatomical and lateral modifiers specify the part of the body on which service was performed, which is important when the procedure could potentially be performed on multiple sites. The use of modifiers assist with ensuring appropriate reimbursement for services rendered.</li> </ul>

**Note:** The absence of a policy does not automatically indicate or imply coverage. As always, coverage for a health service must be determined in accordance with the member's benefit plan and any applicable federal or state regulatory requirements.



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